

## **MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, APRIL 10, 2013**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from April 1, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. today at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.

Present: Gary Daly, Steve Turner, James W. "Bill" Latimer, and Ben Harrison. Absent: None. Stanley Menefee, Chairman presided.

Sonya Anthony, Limestone County Grants Coordinator, and Holly Holman, City of Athens Grants Coordinator, addressed the Commission regarding a transportation enhancement grant application for ADA improvements to the Courthouse Square. The grant application is in the amount of \$400,000.00 with an 80/20 cash match. The project would include LED lighting, handicap accessibility parking and underground conduit. They requested the County partner 50/50 with the City and consider taking action at its official meeting on April 15, 2013.

Captain Fred Sloss addressed the Commission regarding the project for hiring retired officers to serve as School Resource Officers. He said that it was approved on April 1, 2013, for the County Commission to partner 50/50 with the County School Board and the School Board contract with the officers. He requested that the County Commission consider contracting with the officers because if the School Board contracts with the officers they become more like a security guard without arrest, search and seizure powers.

Chairman Menefee announced the Farmer's Market will open this Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion about how many days per week to operate the market since there would be an Athens Saturday Market beginning in June, hosted by the Spirit of Athens.

Commissioner Turner thanked District 1 for concrete material to put on washed out road shoulders.

Commissioner Turner asked the Commission to make high visibility shirts mandatory for safety reasons for county provided uniforms.

Commissioner Latimer stated that after discussion about moving employees from the Courthouse to the Limestone County Event Center, numerous complaints had been received. Commissioner Latimer recommended purchasing the Better Living Building (503 South Jefferson Street) at a reduced rate, and then move the Courthouse employees there while the Courthouse is being renovated. He further recommended that after renovations are completed that Community Corrections could be moved to the Better Living Building. He said the real estate agent would be at the next Commission meeting with a proposal for the Commission to consider.

Items were discussed for the April 15, 2013 Agenda.

Adjourned at 10:53 a.m.